

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claims listing replaces all prior claims listings:

1. (Currently amended) A battery comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte, wherein,

(a) the capacity of the anode includes a capacity component obtained by insertion and extraction of a light metal and a capacity component obtained by deposition and dissolution of the light metal,

(b) the electrolyte contains a light metal salt having a M-O bond wherein M represents any of [[boron (B),]] phosphorus (P), aluminum (Al), gallium (Ga), indium (In), thallium (Tl), arsenic (As), antimony (Sb) or bismuth (Bi))and

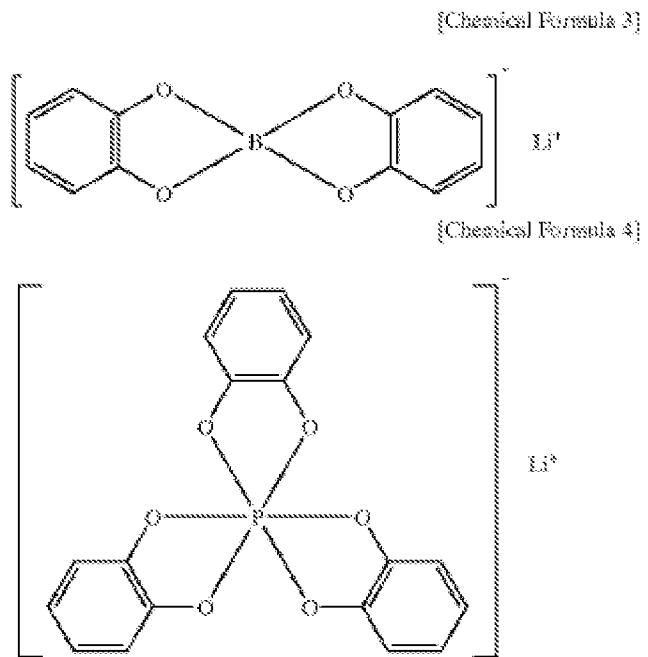
(c) the light metal is deposited on the anode at an open circuit voltage lower than overcharge voltage.

2. (Currently amended) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the light metal salt has a [[B--O]] bond or a P--O bond.

3. (Currently amended) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the light metal salt has an [[O--B--O]] bond or an O--P--O bond.

4. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the light metal salt comprises a cyclic compound.

5. (Currently amended) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the light metal salt is selected from the group consisting of lithium bis [1,2-benzenediolato (2-)O,O']borate of Chemical Formula 3, lithium tris [1,2-benzenediolato (2-)O,O']phosphate of Chemical Formula 4 and a mixture thereof



6. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the anode comprises an anode material capable of inserting/extracting a light metal.
7. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 6, wherein the anode comprises a carbon material.
8. (Currently amended) A battery according to claim 7, wherein the anode comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of graphite, a graphitizable carbon and a non-graphitizable carbon.
9. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 8, wherein the anode comprises graphite.
10. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 6, wherein the anode comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of a metal element and a metalloid, wherein said material can form an alloy with the light metal.

11. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 10, wherein the anode contains at least one element selected from the group consisting of tin (Sn), lead (Pb), aluminum, indium, silicon (Si), zinc (Zn), antimony, bismuth, cadmium (Cd), magnesium (Mg), boron, gallium, germanium (Ge), arsenic, silver (Ag), zirconium (Zr), yttrium (Y) or hafnium (Hf).

12. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte contains a polymeric compound or an inorganic solid electrolyte.

13. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiPF<sub>6</sub>.

14. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiBF<sub>4</sub>.

15. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiN(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

16. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiN(C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

17. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiC(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.

18. (Original) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further contains LiClO<sub>4</sub>.

19. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 1, wherein the light metal is lithium.

20. (Previously presented) A battery according to claim 1, wherein a ratio A / B is at least 0.05 to at most 3.0, A being the capacity component obtained by deposition and

dissolution of light metal and B being the capacity component obtained by insertion and extraction of light metal.

21. (Canceled)